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Officials consider year-round housing plan

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

International students may no longer be left out in the cold during breaks.

Missouri Southern hosts 101 international students from 36 countries such as Brazil, Chile, Finland, Germany, Kenya, Russia, Japan and India.

"That has been one of the biggest challenges international students face — housing," said Kimberly S. Gray, international student adviser. "I have seen this housing crisis emerge with each break."

Rahila Khan, sophomore engineering major, started a petition this semester to encourage housing for international students during breaks. She also wrote a research paper in an English class regarding this issue.

"It's a problem, and we're always complaining about it," she said. "We're basically being thrown off campus during the breaks, and we don't have anywhere to go. We kind of end up homeless."

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, is creating a plan which would allow these students to remain on campus during Thanksgiving, winter, spring and summer breaks for the 2003-2004 year.

"I think it's something that's long overdue," Carnahan said. "It may be the thing that makes students decide to come here as opposed to going somewhere else."

International students now have to find another place to stay over breaks, such as with host families or fly home. "It really isn't economically feasible for them," Gray said. "For financial reasons, some can't afford to go home."

During the breaks, the cafeteria and Student Life Center would also be open. Meals would be offered twice a day for brunch and dinner. Meals would not be available, however, during the summer.

"But we would have access to the snack bar [in the Billingsly Student Center] on a cash basis," Carnahan said.

Carnahan said the greatest change will come during winter break. The school has previously left the residence halls open during Thanksgiving and spring breaks, but never during Christmas.

Deb Gipson, resident director, said in her 15 years of working at Southern, the College has never done anything like this.

"We know the number of international students is going to increase, and it's getting tougher and tougher each year to find places for our international students over Christmas," Carnahan said. "We're going to make this step to stay open over the next holiday."

Gray said she appreciates Southern's attempt to keep the halls open, but she wishes they could be open this Christmas.

Carnahan said if the plan goes through, the College will try to keep costs reasonable. During winter break, for example, students would pay $400, or $100 for each week of the four-week break.

"Obviously, if it's too expensive, no

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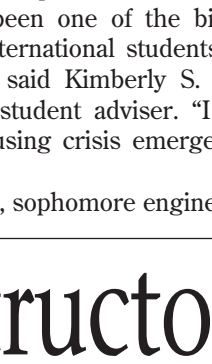
Instructors hope to stop plagiarism

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

A handful of Southern instructors are in the trial stages of experimenting with a new Web site that can help recognize papers that may show signs of plagiarism.

The site, www.turnitin.com, searches thousands of online documents and other published reports for similar words and phrases. If a student's paper proves to be plagiarized, severe punishment is likely to occur.



Dr. Larry Cebula
Associate Professor of History

In Dr. Larry Cebula's classes, an automatic "F" will be given.

And if there's one thing Cebula hates about his job, it's catching students who plagiarize.

"I find it deeply unsettling," said Cebula, associate professor of history. "I hate it."

Last year, a student in his senior year handed in a research paper for his Modern Latin America course.

"It's an assignment that almost begs for plagiarism," Cebula said.

The current events paper was plagiarized, causing Cebula to give the student a failing grade.

"He thought he graduated," Cebula said. "There was nothing I could do for him."

Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history and Faculty Senate president, recommended to the academic policies committee that the Web site should be considered to be included in Southern instruction.

"It makes sense that we give it a try," Teverow said. "It's easy to work with."

The site boasts itself as the world's most widely recognized and trusted resource for preventing Internet plagiarism.

It's used by thousands of high schools and colleges around the United States and throughout the world. The site said it now is used in every post-secondary institution in the United Kingdom.

"Faculty that's interested should give it a try," Teverow said. "I hope in the time being, people keep an open mind about this.

One of Cebula's main concerns about the problem is

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MAKING THE VIDEO

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Freshmen students Lindsay McCullen, international business major; Sarah Thomason, accounting major; Christopher Salazar, business management major; and Linsey Muench, business management major sing "The Macarena" during the CAB-sponsored event, "Make Your Own Music Video," Oct. 30 as part of Homecoming week events. For more about the week, turn to Page 2A.

Southern hosts International Party

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

International people living, working or going to school in the Joplin area will have a chance to meet each other and socialize at this year's International Party.

Missouri Southern is hosting the party at 6:30 p.m. Friday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. The gathering is mainly for the advantage of the international students at Southern and area high schools.

The party is a chance for students to meet many people in the area and maybe even some people from their homelands, said Vivian León, director of the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

"They make a lot of friends in the community," she said.

Southern invites those from other countries to attend by contacting companies, high schools and other colleges and letting them know about the event.

"It is a great opportunity for us to outreach to the community," León said. "I

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Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Dr. Beverly Block recently won the 2002 Governor's Award for Excellence for Teaching.

Professor receives recognition from governor

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
City Editor

A Missouri Southern instructor has earned a seat in Jefferson City to receive recognition from Gov. Bob Holden.

Dr. Beverly A. Block, professor of business, was recently nominated for the 2002 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching by College President Julio León. She will represent Southern Dec. 4 at a luncheon with the governor and other recipients from institutions of higher education.

León said he compiles input from faculty members and administration to determine the annual recipient.

"I think it's important to recognize individuals who are outstanding teachers in the classroom as well as outside of the classroom," León said.

He said the recipients must significantly participate in activities that benefit students as well as further the development of their careers.

"We have so many outstanding faculty members," he said. "It's simply the fact that she (Block) has distinguished herself."

She began her career as an educator at the high school level. Block then shifted to the collegiate level and taught business for two years at Pittsburg State University. While attaining her doctorate at the University of Arkansas, Block became a member of the Southern team, of which she has been a part for almost 19 years.

"It's (Southern) a good place to work," she said. "I like the people that I work with, and that means a lot. I like the students and that's what teaching is all about. That's why I got into this business years ago."

Block said she always tries to put her best foot forward while teaching. She instructs students in the areas of business communication, using information systems, professional development and business education.

"I think that's what this award is all about, teaching," she said. "I care about the students and want to help them do well and see them succeed. That's a real perk of teaching."

Block said her continuing goal as a professional is to keep enjoying the classroom.

"I've tried to always stay on the cutting edge of everything we do here," she said. "Technology has really changed my role as a teacher. I want to continue to jump in with both feet."

She said her retirement is in the foreseeable future, but she plans to stay at Southern for the duration of her career.

"I like the College, and I have the utmost respect for President León," Block said. "My respect for him has really deepened the award, knowing he was responsible for picking me."

León said Block is a "very deserving individual."

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 64
Low: 48

SUNDAY
Isolated Rain
High: 58
Low: 45

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ONLINE

Read a letter to the editor and an In Perspective by Dr. Elaine Freeman, associate professor of teacher education at www.mssc.edu/chart

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Senate fears budget cuts

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

To date, this year's Student Senate session has been one of the most fiscally conservative in years. However, several senators believe they may have created a monster.

Andrew McGowan, treasurer, said a budget surplus at the end of the academic year would be detrimental. He said he fears the administration may cut the Senate's 2003-2004 budget if money remains in May.

"They are already projecting that the state may hold another 10-15 percent for next year," he said. "We need to spend what we have."

There is currently $11,650 left in the Senate treasury, and only two meetings remain this semester. No allocation requests were turned in for consideration at next week's meeting.

The administration traditionally allocates an additional $8,000 to the Senate treasury for the spring semester.

McGowan said he believes campus organizations are not requesting funds because the treasury is usually empty at this juncture of the semester.

Parliamentarian Brad Toler suggested the Senate allocate a portion of its funds to the faculty Christmas ball, which was not held last year due to financial problems.

"I threw [the idea] out there because they're hurting for money," he said. "I don't know that I would do it more than once, but it's something we could do to say 'Thank you.'

"I admit the faculty ball is stretching it, but at least we'll be keeping the money in-house, and it would cause [the administration] to look favorably on us."

McGowan has said at previous meetings he does not believe student money should be allocated for faculty use.

"I don't have the same opinion as Sen. Toler on the issue," McGowan said.

The Senate also discussed donating money to charities for Christmas.

Adam Griffin, adviser, urged calm among the senators about the budget.

"Don't hit the panic button yet," he said. "We're going to get hit hard in the spring."

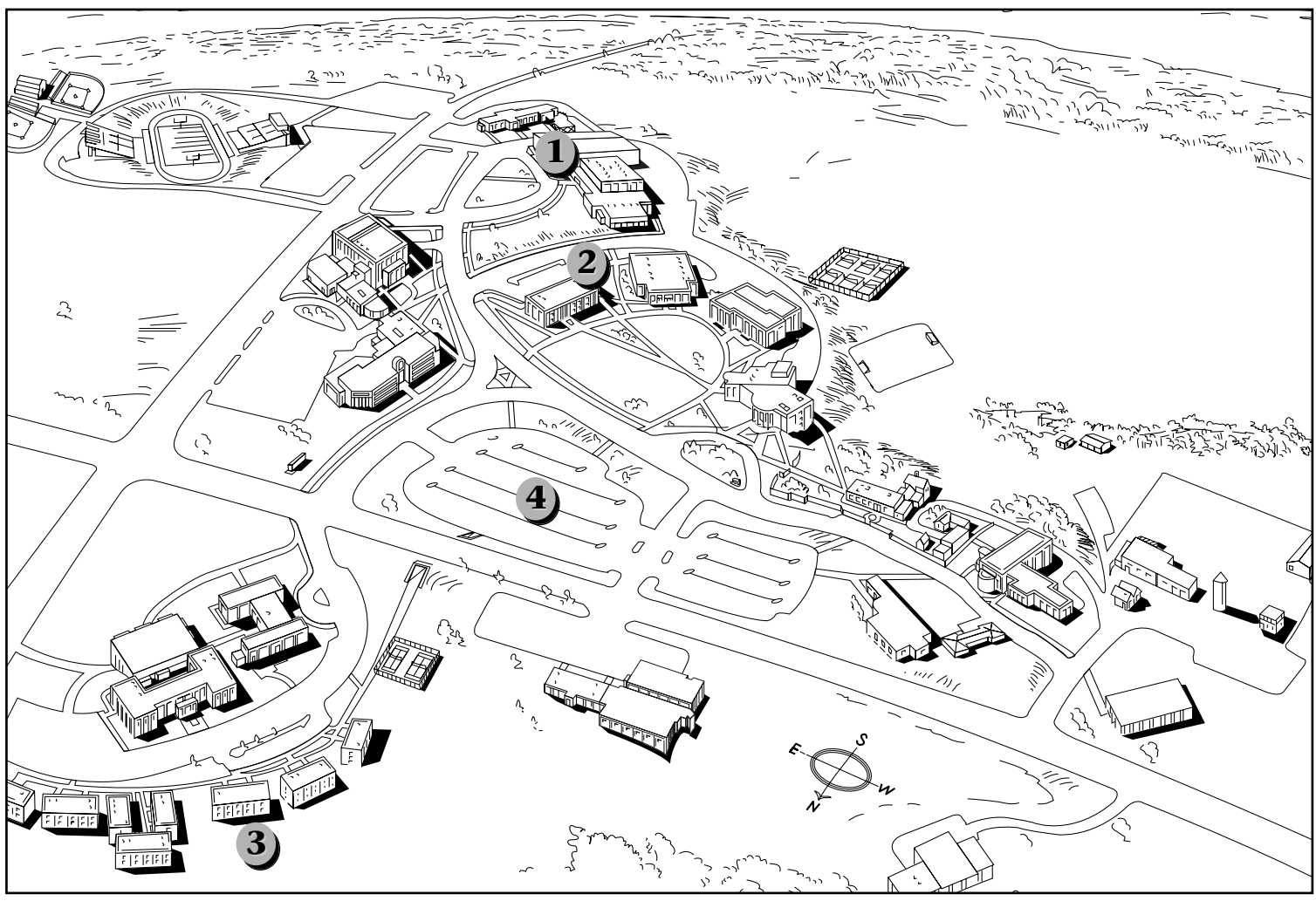
Senators also discussed how to handle possible state budget cuts for the coming academic year. They decided to form a committee to draft a resolution urging the new legislature to not levy additional budget cuts to Southern.

Zach Odem, president, named Toler committee chairman.

"MSSC receives less money per full-time student than any other school in the state," Odem said. "With this opportunity to form a resolution, we as a Senate can do something, not only as a campus, but at the state level as well."

John Tipton, senator, recommended the Senate present the resolution to all Joplin-area legislators to take with them to Jefferson City. The legislative session reconvenes mid-January.

The Senate meets 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the House of Lords Room on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center. College President Julio Léon is scheduled to speak to the Senate and answer questions during the Nov. 13 meeting.



Student's rap CD collection stolen from car

1 Stolen Property

10/28/2002

7:40 p.m.

Security was notified to the football office in reference to a theft called in by Bill Cooke, head football coach.

Cooke said at 10 a.m. Oct. 27 he discovered the front license plate was missing from the silver Chevrolet Malibu the Athletic Department uses.

Cooke said the last time he used the vehicle was about a week prior to the incident.

He contacted the Joplin Police Department as well.

2 Disturbance

10/28/2002

4:50 p.m.

Two students, a male and female, were arguing behind Spiva Library causing security to be notified.

Upon arrival, security saw the male student on a cellular telephone. The student said he was trying to arrange transportation so the couple wouldn't have to be around one another.

The students, who knew each other, both concurred that there was no physical contact involved in the argument.

3 Possible Accident

10/29

9:50 a.m.

Security was notified Oct. 29 from a grounds crew employee of some debris by a light pole behind the residence halls.

A couple parking spaces away was a white Ford Explorer that had damage to its front bumper and fender. There was also a crack in the front window.

Security believes this crack could have come from the driver hitting his or her head on the window.

The vehicle does not belong to a student.

4 Theft

10/4/2002

11:07 a.m.

A student contacted security when he arrived at his car after his classes.

He noticed when he returned only the driver's side door was locked. Looking inside the car he noticed his CD booklet was missing. The case had approximately 100 rap CDs inside. Also missing from the car was the student's wallet, which contained his driver's license, ATM card, Discover Credit Card, student ID and other miscellaneous items.

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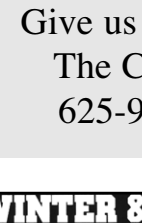
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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Sunny — High: 63 Low: 45
Saturday — Partly Cloudy — High: 64 Low: 48
Sunday — Isolated Rain — High: 58 Low: 45
Monday — Scattered Rain — High: 55 Low: 39
Tuesday — Scattered Rain — High: 54 Low: 36
Wednesday — Partly Cloudy — High: 53 Low: 34
Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 54 Low: 35

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	53	48	66/44	0.56"
Tuesday	53	49	65/43	0.05"
Wednesday	53	42	65/43	0.04"
Thursday	46	38	64/43	0.00"
Friday	45	34	64/42	0.00"
Saturday	43	38	63/42	0.18"
Sunday	49	43	62/41	0.03"

Precipitation for the week .....0.86"
Normal precipitation for the week .....0.88"
Departure from normal for the week ..-0.02"
Precipitation for the year .....39.03"
Normal precipitation year to date .....39.44"
Departure from normal for the year ...-0.41"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast

An area of high pressure will be in control of the weather across the vicinity through Saturday. Temperatures will be comfortable and skies will be sunny to partly cloudy. This will be a great time to partake in outdoor activities. A cold front will swing through Missouri Sunday through early next week. As a result, we can expect breezy conditions and a chance for rain. Temperatures will also fall to below normal values. High pressure should retake control by the middle of next week, allowing partly cloudy skies. High temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s. Lows will drop into the 30s and 40s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

First 11/11 — Full 11/19 — Last 11/27 — New 12/4

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:49 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	8:39 p.m.
Sat	6:50 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	12:05 p.m.	9:41 p.m.
Sun	6:51 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	12:52 p.m.	10:44 p.m.
Mon	6:52 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	11:47 p.m.
Tue	6:53 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	2:02 p.m.	None
Wed	6:55 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	12:47 a.m.
Thu	6:56 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	2:55 p.m.	1:46 a.m.

Weather History

Nov. 7, 1940 - The Galloping Gertie bridge at Tacoma, Wash. collapsed in strong winds just four months after its grand opening, resulting in a six million dollar loss. The winds caused the evenly sized spans of the bridge to vibrate until the central one finally collapsed.

National Weather Summary This Week

A powerful area of low pressure with an associated cold front will move into the Pacific Coast states to end this week. This system will produce a likely chance of rain along the immediate coastline with snow falling in the higher inland elevations of the Cascade and Sierra Nevada Mountains. An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will become organized across the Great Plains this weekend. This system will push into the eastern United States to begin next week, creating a wide area of precipitation along with windy conditions. Another strong storm system will move into the Pacific Northwest as we begin next week, producing rain or snow showers.

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Weather Trivia

What is the rule of thumb for calculating wind chill?

Answer: Subtract 1 degree temperature for every 1 mph wind speed.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2002	2001	Normal
Jan	3.09	3.44	1.74
Feb	0.72	4.66	2.12
Mar	2.65	0.81	3.10
Apr	4.10	2.26	4.10
May	13.60	5.78	4.96
Jun	4.71	6.37	5.07
Jul	4.87	3.73	3.73
Aug	1.14	1.05	3.58
Sep	1.64	2.98	4.97
Oct	2.30	6.44	3.50
Nov	0.21	3.99	3.18
Dec	------	3.52	2.54
Total	**39.03**	**45.03**	**42.59**

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Rain, cold didn't dampen Homecoming dreams

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

With the many events during the week of Homecoming 2002, the week came to an end with the coronation of the new Homecoming king and queen.

Christopher Crabtree and Seafha Blount of the Native American Student Association were crowned during halftime at the Missouri Southern football game against Missouri Western.

Blount said she "really enjoyed campaigning and meeting new people." She said NASA's goal was to get its name out and get some new members.

"I was so convinced that I wasn't going to win," Blount said. "I was astonished when they announced my name as the new queen."

Although the week might have been fun, it may have ended on a sour note for some Nov. 2, with Southern losing the football game, 28-7 to Western.

"It was very cold at the football game," said Shonna Sherrell, junior physical education major. "I thought the outcome of the game could have been better because there were a lot of missed opportunities [by Southern]."

Highlights from activities during the week of Oct. 28 included a game show on Tuesday in Billingsly Student Center called "Think Fast" where the winner could receive $200 in cash. Also taking place on Tuesday night was the Southern talent show in Taylor Auditorium. First place in individual competition went to Jason Edgar, and Koinonia took first place in the group competition.

"I thought most of the talent show was pretty funny," said Jeremy Hollingshead, junior economics major. "Some of the people were pretty talented. All in all, it was a fun event."

The next day started off with "Make Your Own Music Video" in BSC.

On Wednesday night, "Casino Night" went on in the Lions' Den, which was sponsored by Student Senate and the Residence Hall Association.

Students could pay money for gambling chips and try to win prizes. All proceeds from the event went to the United Way.

Thursday saw the all-campus picnic take place in BSC. It was planned to take place outside on the oval, but it was moved inside due to rain.

"I enjoyed seeing students get involved," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "The picnic was still a good time even though it had to be moved inside."

Spider-Man and *Triple X* were shown in Leggett & Platt Athletic Center Nov. 1. The event was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and Campus Recreation. Concessions sold at the event were to raise money for the United Way.

"I was very pleased with attendance and student participation," Blackford said. "Despite the weather not cooperating, I still considered Homecoming to be a success."

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Seafha Blount and Christopher Crabtree, Homecoming queen and king, throw candy to the crowd during the Homecoming parade Nov. 2. More than 500 students voted in the election.

Nancy Hight/The Chart

Members of the Debate Team head to Indiana in 2003 for nationals. Students on the team include from left to right, Caleb Gallemore, Jeremy Hollingshead, Tyler Coble, Jason Edgar, Bonnie Leiby, Stephanie Bullard, Talbot Gandara and Director Kelly Larson.

Southern debate team prepares for national finals in Indiana

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

Getting into a good argument is something a successful debater does, and members of the Missouri Southern debate team demonstrate this well.

Several tournaments this year have shown the team's ability to use logic and reasoning.

Kelly Larson, assistant professor of communications and director of forensics, considers his team of debaters hardworking and a family.

"We are good at what we do," Larson said.

Larson, an avid debater in high school, began teaching in 1979, and this is his 10th year teaching at the collegiate level. Other colleges where Larson has taught include Northwest State University and the University of Missouri-Colombia.

The Southern debate team has received past awards and was the 2001 national champion for the National Forensics Association. In 2003, the team will face three other colleges in its division. These include Western Kentucky, Central Michigan and Ohio State.

The NFA competition was held in Atlanta in 2002, and will be April 17-21, 2003, at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Stephanie Bullard, senior speech communications major, has received awards for her individual and team effort and enjoys being on the Southern debate team.

Bullard said a goal for the team is to build toward nationals.

"You have to make it to a certain elimination round in order to be qualified for nationals," she said. "We hope to get the rest of the team qualified."

There are necessary things required for a good debater, and Bullard said magic and reasoning are what win the rounds.

Several tournaments this year have allowed Bullard and other members on the team to work together and finish successfully.

"You can't complain about winning at any rate," she said. "Winning is always good."

Bullard said her interest in debate began in high school, and Larson was her Oral Communications instructor.

"Once you're a debater, you're always a debater," she said. "You just have that competitive drive and that willingness to get up there and argue."

Time management is something Bullard has had to constantly consider when practicing for debate. She spends an average of five to 10 hours a week researching topics.

Bullard said preparations for nationals are

TURN TO **DEBATE**, PAGE 8A

Art department still using grant

BY JACOB W. BROWER
Associate Editor

The Missouri Southern art department is enjoying the use of some new equipment, thanks to a grant left in the will of Katherine Hyde in 1991.

The department has used the $16,000 grant for 10 years. The interest is used every year to fund three areas — international travel, scholarships and visiting artists, and equipment upgrades.

"Every year, we try to upgrade some of the art equipment so we can keep up with current standards," said Nick Kyle, head of the art department. "We feel it's important to have the best equipment for our students so they can get the most out of their educational experience."

This year, the department has made purchases to enhance its three-dimensional divisions.

It has bought new saws and a wood planer for its sculptures and fabrications, a slab roller for clay works, as well as 12 new power-assisted pottery wheels.

The department is also constructing a wood kiln for melting clay on the northeast side of the campus between Spiva Art Gallery and Webster Hall. All bricks for the kiln were purchased through the grant.

"[The new equipment] has been a long time coming," said Justin Shaw, junior studio art major. "We needed tools we could get something done with."

Chad Stangl, senior studio art major, also said the improvements were needed.

"It makes it a lot more easier when you have the right tool for the job you're doing," he said.

Pat Phelps, trust officer at United Missouri Bank in Carthage, said Hyde, a Carthage resident, was an art fan her entire life.

Though Hyde never attended Southern, she found it important to enhance the enjoyment of art for future generations.

"She was a different lady," Phelps said. "She loved art, and that's why she did what she did."

Instructors said they believe the funds have been a great help to the department.

"We desperately need it," said Dewane Hughes, assistant professor of art. "I'm happy to have it. Some people think I'm a demanding professor, and [the new equipment] helps students achieve their goals if they have it. Some students, in the past, have even resorted to buying their own art equipment."

Jim Bray, professor of art, agreed the trust has made a great impact on the department.

"With the predicament everyone else is in, we're very fortunate," he said. "The thing I think is important is to reap the benefits of the trust. To me, it's a reminder that public institutions cannot survive without help from the private sector."

Peace Awareness Group forms to protest war with Iraq

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

Two Southern professors are members of a new four-state group that's seeking innovative ways to peacefully protest the possible war with Iraq.

Dr. Bill Kumbier, professor of English, and Dr. Gwen Murdock, professor of psychology, joined the month-old Peace Awareness Group to let their voice be heard about President Bush's proposal for military force against Iraq.

"None of us in the group deny whether or not Iraq is a concern," Kumbier said. "We just don't see the evidence in order to make the sacrifice war requires."

The group has 10 organizers who meet about the conflict and how they can peacefully protest possible war. Last week, the group held its first event with a peace march from Ewert Park to Spiva Park in downtown Joplin. More than 100 people, including Southern students, attended.

Dr. Bill Kumbier
Professor of English

"It went really well," Kumbier said. "Kids, students and seniors all walked."

Kumbier said one of the group's crucial arguments is how the United States needs to work with the United Nations when dealing with Iraq.

"We should cooperate with them," he said. "When we work through the United Nations, we are working peacefully. When we're the aggressor, it's more difficult to handle conflict peacefully."

For Kumbier, spending time and ideas with people with the same thoughts and opinions gives him peace of mind.

"I get a really good feeling that I'm not alone," he said. "There are a lot of people that want to talk about this."

Murdock joined for similar reasons.

"I was concerned about the war in Iraq," Murdock said. "I felt like my voice wasn't being heard."

Murdock said she and friends spend a great deal of time writing letters to state representatives and local newspapers about their ideas on how the United States should handle another Middle East conflict.

"It was time to do something," Murdock said.

She thinks there are many people who have misconceptions about protesting a war.

"People who weren't around in the '70s have a distorted image about what war protests were about," she said. "There are a lot of different ways to protest the war."

The group is looking for new members. Kumbier said anyone interested can send an e-mail of inquiry to peaceawareness@planet-save.com.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Basic Law Enforcement registration under way

Enrollment is now under way for Missouri Southern's 600-hour State Certified Basic Law Enforcement Academy which will begin classes in January.

Wayne Thomason, academy coordinator, said those wanting to attend must enroll no later than Dec. 15.

Upon successful completion of the academy, the Missouri Department of Public Safety will certify eligible students as peace officers in the state of Missouri.

The academy meets 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. It requires four Saturday classes per semester. The class will graduate May 15, 2003.

Those taking part receive training in Missouri criminal statutes, constitutional law, criminal investigation, patrol techniques, defense tactics training, physical training, firearms training and other skills and abilities deemed necessary by the state of Missouri law enforcement officers.

Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Those interested in enrolling should contact Thomason at 625-9684 or e-mail thomason-w@mail.mssc.edu.

Pre-law Club hosts LSAT prep session

The Pre-law Club will host a meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 in Hearnes Hall, Room 311. The meeting is intended as an LSAT preparation session.

Dr. Barry Brown will preside.

Test questions can be obtained in advance from Dr. Trina J. Scott in the Criminal Justice Building, Room 104, or Dr. Michael L. Yates in Webster Hall, Room 234.

Cross country coach receives high honors

Tom Rutledge was named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year Nov. 5.

Rutledge coached the Lions to their third straight MIAA championship with a two-point win over Truman State University, 47-45.

Last year, the Lions shared the conference crown with the Bulldogs.

Southern placed three runners in the top 10 — seniors Brian Lyons and Petri Kykyri and junior Magnus Holmstrom. Lyons won the individual championship.

The award marks Rutledge's second MIAA Coach of the Year in men's cross country. He previously won the award in 2000.

Faculty Senate plans to host holiday ball

The Missouri Southern Faculty Senate will host the Faculty and Staff Holiday Ball at 8 p.m., Dec. 7.

Tickets are on sale Nov. 11-25 in the business office of Hearnes Hall. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 25.

The cost per person is $15.

For information, individuals may contact Vickie Roettger at 625-3176.

Saturday's football game will honor Vets

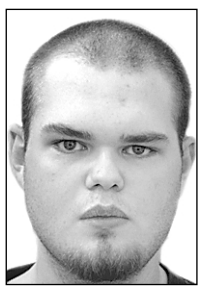
Saturday's football game against Emporia State will include a special Veterans Day observance.

The Show-Me Challenge cadets from Nevada will present the colors before the game. At halftime the Missouri Southern choir and band will combine to perform a patriotic medley.

Also at halftime, following that performance, a B-25 flyover will take place. The B-25 is the famous World War II plane that executed the Doolittle Raid, the bombing of Tokyo in April 1942.

Editor's Column

Distance enhances appreciation, love



Eric Scott
Asst. Sports Editor

There were many things I could have written for this column, so I decided to take this opportunity to give thanks to the most important people in my life.

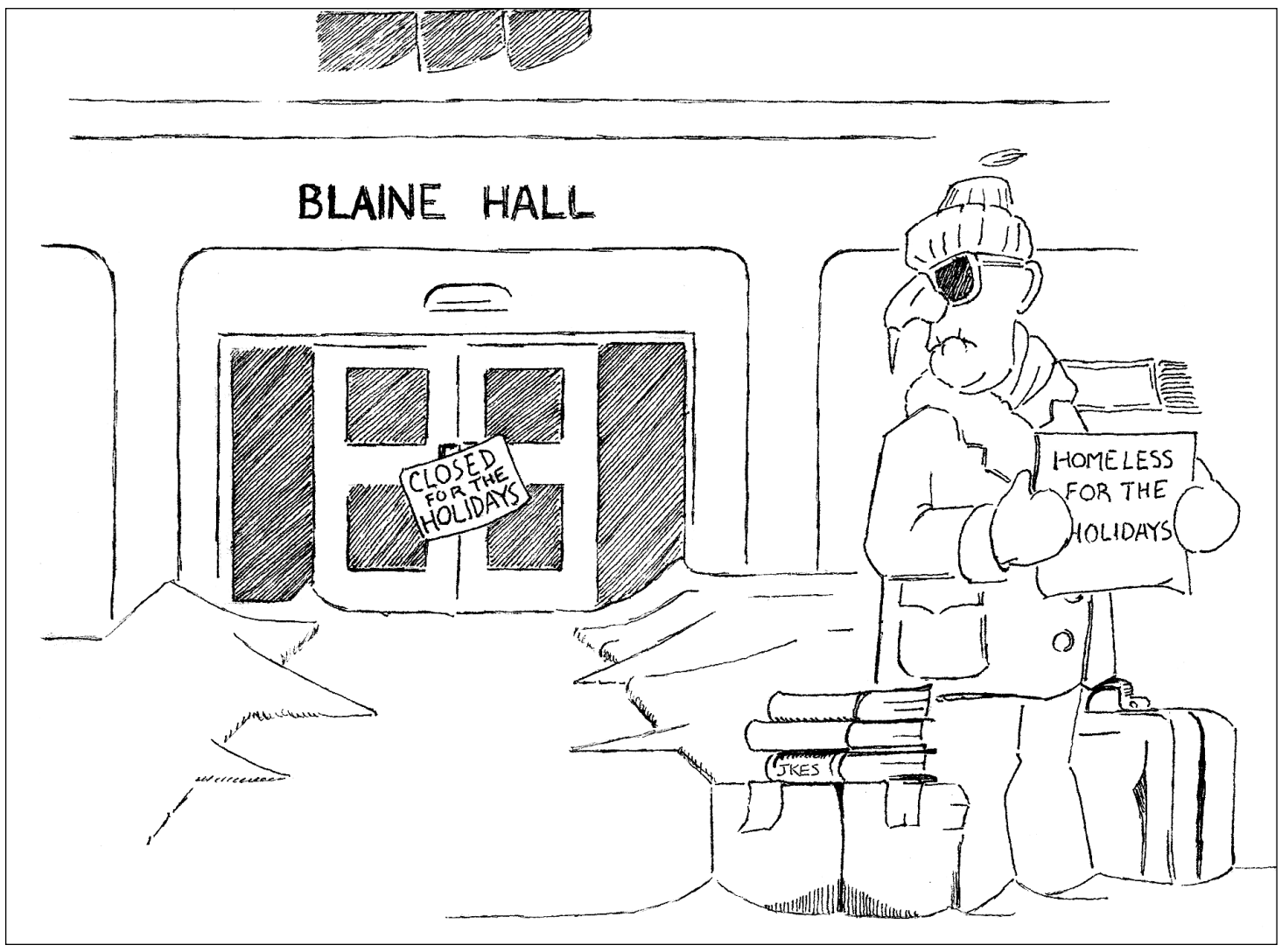
Being so far away from home (I'm from Denver) makes me appreciate everything I have back home. Let's start with the most important person in my life, my girlfriend Valori. I believe I am the luckiest person in the universe because I have her. She is always there to support me, and she has never failed to make me happy. Not only is she my significant other, she's my best friend. I know you've heard that a lot, but it's really true with us. Valori actually gives my life a purpose, and I will forever worship her.

For my parents, I am equally grateful. My mom Alice is someone I admire. She has worked hard at Great West Life for more than 20 years while also keeping our house together and helping my dad through his tough times. I will be eternally grateful for her hard work because it is what allows me to get a college education.

Even though I got annoyed with her at times for being overprotective, I still appreciated the fact she cared so much. My mom never hesitated to help me with something, and she was always there to talk to me.

Dave, my dad, is probably the most influential person in my life. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1990, and yet he has never let it slow him down. My dad never missed my important events, and he always coached or helped out with my sports teams. Multiple sclerosis is a disease that attacks the nervous system, and it fatigues MS patients quite often. There were times when my dad was dead tired or something was hurting him, but he never let it stop him. Every time I look at my dad, it makes me appreciate life. What I'm trying to say is we should be thankful for those who love us. Think about all they've done for you, give them a call and thank them for everything. Never take your loved ones for granted, because when in doubt, call upon your loved ones, and they will appear.

Eric Scott is the Asst. Sports Editor for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of the entire staff.*



Year-round housing in near future?

Chart Opinion

In the past, residence life has sometimes turned into residence strife for some international students.

Missouri Southern hosts 101 of these students from 36 different countries.

The international mission aims to assist the international students, but rarely has anything been done on campus to help them with housing during breaks.

Over breaks such as Thanksgiving, winter, spring and summer, these students have been forced to find places to stay because the residence halls close. Their options have been finding friends with which to stay or staying with host families in the area.

Some other international students fly home, but many others cannot afford to do so.

Other area colleges such as Pittsburg State University, Southwest Missouri State University and Central Missouri State University provide housing plans for international students during these times.

Southern, however, has yet to do so.

Kimberly S. Gray, international student adviser, said, "We have really been lagging behind our peer institutions."

Thankfully, Doug Carnahan, dean of students, is trying to create a year-round housing plan for international students beginning next year.

If the plan works out, international students will be allowed to stay on campus during all breaks.

Although they will have to bear the burden of the cost of staying, it would probably be worth it.

The students would have less worry about finding and paying for another place to stay.

The Chart encourages all members of the College to support this housing plan.

Most of us have places to go over the holidays, but put yourself in the shoes of the international students. They are already far away enough from home. Why should things be any tougher for them?

Due to space limitations, a Letter to the Editor and an In Perspectives will be posted at **www.mssc.edu/Chart**

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Campus Voice

Should residence halls be open all year?

"Yes, because the international students don't have anywhere else to go."

Ivan Garcia
Senior
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"Yes, because it would be easier for the students. Some can't get home for the holidays."

Crystal Hoyt
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"If our students need to stay over the break, then we should accommodate them."

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"Yes, they should keep them open. I don't live there, but they should."

Callieann Jackson
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"They should keep the halls open so it would be more convenient for the students."

Eddah Tole
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Letters

Student expresses gratitude

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who voted during the Homecoming royalty election.

Even if you didn't vote for NASA, your participation makes events like this possible.

I cannot thank everyone in person for electing Christopher and myself, for I don't know who all of you are. Therefore, I wish to take this opportunity to send my most humble thanks.

I was surprised by all of the support we received.

When people whom I had never met came to me and said, "You're the girl I voted for," I was so very pleased.

Many lovely, outstanding ladies were nominated and I consider myself extremely lucky. If you are curious about my Native heritage, I am Yurok of California and my name is Chae-Mae-Wethe, meaning Little Elk.

November is Native American month and you may visit Spiva Art Gallery during this time to learn more about Native Americans. Christopher and I are proud to represent the Native American Student Association, and it is a special honor to be king and queen.

With sincere appreciation,

Seaffia J. Blount
Sophomore
Undecided Major

In Perspective

'If I said that I would do something, then I'd better do it'

Sam Claussen
Associate Professor of Theatre

I couldn't believe it. I heard it said, but I couldn't believe it! My mind couldn't comprehend what I'd just heard, and I swore to myself that I'd let my thoughts be known, as soon as I had the chance — and now, I have the chance.

Here it was a college student who had just received an honor for which many strive. He was going to work in his chosen field as an intern. Excitedly, he prepared for that day, got on the job, lasted one day, and quit. I thought, "Perhaps this is a fluke." I continued to observe. This string of quitting, of not holding up to one's commitment continued. Other students soon followed suit. I watched as high school students graduated and signed on the dotted line with the military service of their choice and quit. Not giving a care of the consequences to their future lives, they quit. To make matters worse, others who were friends of those military dropouts were heard commenting, "They should be allowed to quit. The military is stupid." Another student accepted a position on a new venture. It was a once in a lifetime experience. She was heard to exclaim, "I quit!" She did! At the risk of being labeled "The Old Geezer," I wasn't brought up that way. My dad told me on several occasions, "If a man's word is no good, then he is no good!" I think that he adapted it from a higher literary source. I learned quickly, that if I said that I would do something, then by golly, I'd better do it. It doesn't matter what happens. I couldn't make excuses. I've heard many excuses as people quit. "I quit because God told me to!" Did you ask God before you committed? "I quit because I don't have enough time." So why are you partying? "I quit because it takes too much *effort*." So does breathing. "I quit because I shouldn't have to do what they ask me." Why accept the position to start with?

Commitment is a human core value. Commitment means you uphold the virtues of of the human race to which you belong. When you accept a job, a position, an enrollment in college, or an enlistment in the military, have the gumption to carry it through.

As we face the challenges the world today faces, we don't need a nation of quitters.

"If a man's word is no good, then he is no good."

Sam Claussen
Associate Professor of Theatre

Senior dispels myth about French rudeness

Special to the Chart

A vendor playing an accordion for passersby is a common sight on the streets of Paris, France.

The French are so rude! At least that's what I was told by several different people before I got here.

Jeremy Goins
Senior, Pre-Med Major

Yet after two weeks, I have found the French are far from rude.

If accidentally bumped in the crowded Metro, there is always a *pardon* or *désolée* (I am sorry).

When walking behind someone through a door, it is often held open, and if I do the holding, there is always a *merci* (thank you) that follows.

In such polite little ways, I have seen many times that even this city of 10 million, many people care.

Before and after a meal with my French family, there is always plenty of family conversation.

At the dinner table, I have noticed how close the family is, and even more, how gracious they are to me.

And in my own mother's way, my French mother has made sure I have never left the table hungry.

Don't get me wrong!

Those who claim "the French have an arrogant air about them" are not completely off base.

I have seen Americans arguing with shop owners for not being able to speak English, though this is Paris. Many foreigners, not just Americans, are extremely loud in public places and often demand special treatment.

Under these or similar conditions, I have seen some French people seem rude. I have seen French who are completely fluent in English refuse to speak to an American because it was demanded that they speak English.

There is an air about the French, an air of being content with the simple things in life like the morning newspaper, conversation with friends, bagette in hand and long walks through the city.

Though others may think I am off, I think the French people have shown me kindness and care that would rival even my small college town, Joplin, MO, U.S.A.

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Fair highlights opportunities for travel

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Students who want to study abroad will get a chance to see the opportunities different groups offer at the third annual Study Abroad Fair Tuesday.

The theme of the fair will be "Where in the world are YOU going?"

The fair will allow students to see which programs are planning to take international trips. Students will be informed about what is involved in planning, financing and taking the trips.

"It's kind of like going to the supermarket," said Jean Campbell, special events coordinator. "You can shop the study abroad fair. You'll have a panorama to choose from."

The fair has been arranged by the Writing for Public Relations class. Campbell has been advising the class in its efforts because she helped work on the first two years of the fair. Brenda Kilby, communications instructor, said there will be prizes given out at the door.

The prizes include passes to the Joplin Family Y, Pro-Cut hair care products and a Victor Riley autographed picture.

"Study abroad makes Southern different," Kilby said. "I hope it's well attended."

Kilby expects 500-600 students to go through the fair.

"We're trying pretty hard to pump up the event," said Amanda Tweten, senior general studies major and student in the class.

Instructors will be at the tables to promote their trips and answer students' questions. There will be approximately 15 tables.

"It's important to the College," Tweten said. "It introduces experiences that are pretty enriching."

"Often we have students come in and say, 'I want to study abroad, but don't know where to go,'" said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

Kilby said the fair has given the class a good opportunity to work in a real-life situation.

"When they get done, they'll have a working knowledge of this," she said.

The class has planned everything from the food to the entertainment.

"If people aren't involved in the event planning, they are oblivious to it," Campbell said.

Some of the new trips planned this year for the fair include trips to Russia and Germany. Trips to Italy, Paris, Costa Rica, Spain and India will also be included. The fair will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center. There will also be a live radio feed.

"Often we have students come in and say, 'I want to study abroad, but don't know where to go.'"

Dr. Chad Stebbins
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India semester comes to theatre

Political play focuses on ancient dynasty

By Jeff Reid
Executive Editor

Southern Theatre has found an unusual ally for its upcoming production of *Rakshasa's Ring* — the Institute of International Studies.

Written by Vishakhadatta, and translated by Michael Coulson, the play will be "something very different from traditional plays."

Set in approximately 4000 B.C., *Rakshasa's Ring* is a political play which focuses on the deposed Nandas dynasty and its exiled chief minister, Rakshasa.

Kautilya, Rakshasa's political opponent, overthrew the Nandas and Rakshasa, and is trying to bring Rakshasa to his side so he may retire from politics and make Rakshasa his successor. Stacy Harter, senior theatre and speech major, plays Chandanadasa, and is looking forward to the play, for several reasons.

"It's just a different style than we're used to here, and part of that is because it is a classical theater piece," Harter said. "I'm very excited about the play, because it's different, and I think that's good."

Harter also said that while the play is a classical play, it's different from Shakespeare or classical Greek, and people should take that into consideration.

"Indian theater has no sense of tragedy, things are always resolved, because that's part of their belief system," Harter said. "Also, the play would be put on in order to honor the people involved, not just to entertain the audience. Those are just some of the differences of Indian drama."

Another special feature of the play is the guest director, Lina Khoury, who completed her Master's of Fine Arts from the University of Arkansas in May 2002, and will be making her directorial debut with the play.

"I hadn't met the designers or actors before, but everybody has been really cool, and really helpful," Khoury said. "Everything is running smooth, and it feels very professional, even though it's in a college environment."

Khoury said this is the first play she hasn't been nervous about, and that seems like a good sign to her.

"I'm not losing sleep or anything, it's more of a curiosity of how everything is going to look when it gets out in front of the audience," she said.

One of the biggest challenges for both the director and the actors has been overcoming the age of the play, which was originally written in Sanskrit.

"It's very difficult trying to overcome the age of the play," Khoury said, "but if you do your homework, and do the research, then things will start to make sense.

"You have to work hard to make it interesting to your current audience. But, I also want to keep the Indian theme and feel to it."

The play opens Wednesday and runs through Nov. 16. Show time is at 7:30 p.m. in the Bud Walton Theatre, and tickets may be reserved by calling 625-3190. It is an all-ages show and free to Missouri Southern students, faculty and staff members.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Kris Stoker, left, as Rakshasa, and Rachel Weisensee, portraying Kautilya, will be performing in Rakshasa's Ring.

Award-winning singer George Jones brings tour to Joplin

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

Mischell Productions and Memorial Hall are bringing country singer George Jones to Joplin.

Jones usually performs some 75-80 shows per year. He usually works year round. Richard Mischell, producer/promoter for Jones' tour, said the tour will stop in Joplin because Jones had to go through Missouri, and Memorial Hall had the date open.

"Memorial Hall is a good place for shows," Mischell said. "Joplin is a pretty good market for country music."

This will not be the first time Jones has come to Joplin. Beth Kownslar, facility and events manager, said he performed in Joplin about four to five years ago. She said ticket sales for his last performance were close to 2,000. As of Tuesday, 1,000 tickets had been sold. She said plenty of tickets and good seats were still available. Promoters expect to sell more tickets for the concert. Mischell attributes the slow sale of tickets to 9/11.

"Ticket sales have been a little slow with all concerts since Sept. 11," he said.

Jones has been singing since the 1950s. In his career, he has been credited with having more charted singles than any other artist in the history of popular music. He has received awards for songs like "White Lightning," "He Stopped Loving Her Today" and "She Thinks I Still Care."

Mischell said Jones will most likely perform many of his hits and will give a full production show. He said it will be a good show.

"He'll do all of his big hits," Mischell said. "You just never know what what you're going to get. He carries a pretty good production."

Kownslar expects more "long-time country fans" to come to the concert than younger ones. She said most of the younger generation want more pop country than what Jones sings.

"His style of music is more traditional country," she said.

Mischell said still cameras and flash pictures are OK to have at the show.

He also said that while most younger artists would stay around to sign autographs after their performances, the 65-year-old singer "most likely won't."

"He puts all of his energy into his show," Mischell said.

Tickets can still be purchased at the Memorial Hall box office, Dillon Stores, and all Smitty's locations.

Tickets are $19.50 for balcony seats and $27.50 for the rest of the hall. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. Mischell hopes to "have a good turnout."

STACKIN' BRICKS

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Dewane Hughes, assistant professor in the art department, lays down brick as he helps students construct a kiln. The wood-fueled kiln will be used by the ceramics class.

About Schmidt gives Nicholson chance for 12th Oscar statue

In Review

Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Although it may be early to plan your Christmas break, one movie that should be watched by everyone is *About Schmidt*.

Warren Schmidt, who is played brilliantly by Jack Nicholson, is a man who has just retired and while coming to terms with this, his wife (little-known stage actress June Squibb) suddenly dies. Schmidt is left alone in his house with a 35-foot Winnebago his wife, Helen, nagged him to buy, and a daughter who is about to marry a waterbed salesman who has a mullet for a haircut.

Would you think such a movie would be really deep? Well, it has so many levels that seeing it once will just scratch the surface of what is really going on in the movie. Maybe one of the reasons it has so many levels is because it is the same writer/director who did *Election*, Alexander Payne, and co-screenwriter, Jim Taylor.

The movie on one level is about how Schmidt tries to find himself by traveling cross country in a Winnebago. At least that is what the movie company is saying about it. The real plot to the story, as I see it, is how Schmidt goes through the grieving process.

Schmidt becomes unmoored once his wife is gone and does basically nothing for weeks on end. He only leaves when he needs to go buy groceries, which he takes his Winnebago to the store.

In Schmidt's cross country travel, he goes from Omaha to Denver and everywhere in between. His travels take him from a museum with the largest arrowhead collection, to his childhood home that was turned into a tire shop.

Schmidt decides to talk his daughter out of her upcoming nuptials, which he fails at miserably. After doing so, he stays with his future in-laws (Kathy Bates and Howard Hesseman) and sleeps on his future son-in-law's waterbed, throwing his back out. This brings up the worst part of the movie. While trying to get his back better, Schmidt gets into the hot tub, and then Bates surprises him, and the audience, by diving in.

Bates, who helps keep this movie going as well as Nicholson, does one of her best performances and she could pick up a best-supporting actress Oscar. One reviewer said Bates gives "her most energetic performance in years." This I agree with. All the actors in this movie, from the mullet-clad Bermot Mulroney to the daughter played by Hope Davis, give some of their best performances.

In the climax of the movie, Schmidt is giving a toast at the wedding, but does not go off on the son-in-law or his family. Lou Lumenick, who wrote a review for the *New York Post*, said, "The film's climax at Jeannie's wedding reception — while true to Schmidt's character — is far less satisfying than it would have been if Nicholson were finally permitted to cut loose in his trademark style."

I disagree wholeheartedly. The movie would have lost a lot if Nicholson was allowed to go off half-cocked on everybody. I really don't think that was the climax. Maybe the very end was the climax.

At the end, Schmidt receives a letter from a nun who takes care of Ndugu (a boy he adopted through ChildReach or some organization like that). The one thing which keeps this movie going and not get too boring is Schmidt's on-screen narrative to Ndugu. By far, these moments are the best part of the movie.

You might not get the same depth I did, but it is a thinking movie — you have to think about it to understand it. Go see *About Schmidt* when it comes out nationwide on Friday, Jan. 3 and in select cities on Friday, Dec. 13. It is definitely an Oscar contender for best picture and best actor for Nicholson, probably one of his best performances.

By the way, see it because it premiered at the New York Film Festival, which is rare enough. I give it five out of five stars — excellent, excellent movie.

Final Score

★★★★★

5 out of 5

About Schmidt is a movie that will be released Jan. 3 nationwide. Read the review from an editor who got a sneak preview of the movie.

Great Big Band Music

Music department expects packed house

BY T.J. GERLACH
Staff Writer

Tuesday both the jazz orchestra and jazz ensemble will perform the annual fall jazz concert.

The concert, named Great Big Band Music, will feature selections by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and other composers.

Each band will perform five pieces featuring "a number of improvisational solos" by the student performers, said Dr. Phillip C. Wise, head of the music department and director of jazz studies.

"I always encourage audience members to simply enjoy the performance," he said. "And I think there are two ways to do that. One obviously is listening, sort of being a sponge and taking in all the sound that hits you. And secondly, visually look at those musicians and see what they're communicating to you."

"The show in its entirety will be an enjoyment to watch," said Ben Peterson, bassist/trombone player for the orchestra. "I'm extremely optimistic about it."

"[The performers] are definitely excited about it," Wise said. "They love to perform."

He said the 17 members of each band will visit six area high schools over the next month to perform and possibly recruit future musicians.

And while there is no vibes player this year. Wise plays trombone with the orchestra.

The concert, in its fourth year under Wise, usually packs Webster Hall auditorium past capacity.

"Webster [auditorium] holds probably 450 people," he said. "We had about 700 at the last concert. A lot of people sat in the hallways and out front and down on the floor."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium, but Wise said "If you want a seat, you'll probably want to get there no later than 7. It'll be, I think, another big crowd."

Wise encourages attendance by all campus students who have never heard a live jazz concert.

"Whether they think they like jazz or not is almost immaterial," he said. "It's just experiencing that at some point in your life; you want to be able to experience that. So I would really encourage students who have never attended to give it a shot. I think they'll be pleasantly surprised. I think they'll be amazed at the talent. And it's free."

T. J. Gerlach/The Chart

Matt Godsey practices his saxophone solo for the jazz orchestra. This will be the fourth concert under Dr. Phillip Wise's direction.

T. J. Gerlach/The Chart

From left, Aaron Scriven, Randy Georges and Nathan Kaminsky practice for the upcoming concert. The jazz ensemble and jazz orchestra will perform Tuesday night. Each band will be performing five pieces that include numerous improvised solos.

Campus board begins planning for spring

BY JACOB WEST
Staff Writer

Homecoming Week turned out to be a success for many who attended.

Participation and school spirit were two things Campus Activities Board director Julie Blackford wanted to see a change in during Homecoming Week.

"Student participation is vital to CAB," Blackford said. "That's why we're here — to serve the students."

Highlighting on some of the more attended activities, CAB was able to see some school spirit.

Novelties committee chair, Michelle Boley, said every activity was well attended. Some of the more popular activities were the "Think Fast" game show, Picture This and Make Your Own Music Video. The Halloween skate night had approximately 100 in attendance and some 70 children who skated.

CAB received third place in the talent show, with a skit/duet of Captain and Tennille. Other winners included the Koinonia praise band, and Jason Edgar, junior speech communications major, with a comedy interpretation.

Matt Hite, Homecoming committee chair, said CAB being involved "gives us a good name" and "shows the campus we care."

In other business, the main focus is on the spring semester. Going with the five theme weeks of the year, the last two involve Safe Spring Break and Finals Madness.

Blackford, along with other CAB members who attended the leadership conference, brought back some ideas for CAB to consider.

"We shop around and try to get the best deal we can," Blackford said.

Looking at the lack of interest by students, Blackford said there needs to be some pick-me-ups to break the school monotony. Lectures committee chair, Jeremy Sturgell, said he has ideas for lectures. Some of the topics will include globalization and health care ethics.

CAB wants to encourage all students to get involved, because a portion of the money students pay goes to Student Senate, Student Activities (including CAB), and *Crossroads: The Magazine*. The amount, which is divided up, totals $25.

"We don't want them (students) to feel like they don't have a say in how the money is spent," Blackford said. "They are welcome to decide."

The next CAB meeting will be at noon on Monday where it will be spent brainstorming and planning for the spring semester.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.

8 *8 Mile* and *Femme Fatale* open at Joplin's Northstar 14 Theater.

Lady Lions soccer plays @ 5 p.m. at home vs. Truman. Lions soccer plays at 7 p.m.

9 Lions cross country competes at the NCAA Division II South Central Regional.

Lions football plays @ 2 p.m. at home vs. Emporia State.

10 "Sunday Supper" will be held at Wesley Student Center. Volleyball starts @ 5 p.m. The free supper starts @ 6 p.m.

11 CAB meets @ noon in BSC 310. Lunch is free.

BSU "Joy Explosion" will be held @ 7 p.m. at BSU.

12 Lady Lions volleyball play @ 7 p.m. at Southwest Baptist.

The Southern Jazz Orchestra concert will be held @ 7:30 p.m. at Webster Hall Auditorium. It is free to the public.

13 Lunch will be @ noon at BSU.

Rakshasa's Ring opens in Southern's theatre. The play runs through the 16th. For information, call 625-3190.

14 BSU "Priority Post" will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BSC Lions Den.

Koinonia will have a free lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the criminal justice auditorium lobby.

The College Democrats will meet @ 12:15 p.m. on the 2nd Floor of Webster Hall.

An on-stage student voice recital will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in Webster Auditorium.

Weekend Happenings:

Kitchen Pass::
Friday: T. J. Scarlett 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 5-9 p.m.
Saturday: Oreo Blue 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 5-9 p.m.

Kharacters::
Friday: Defending the Addiction 8 p.m.
Happy Hour 4-7 p.m.
Saturday: Jetta Soul 9 p.m.

Fusion::
Friday: Happy Hour 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday: City Limit 8 p.m.
Happy Hour 4:30-10 p.m.

Useless Information

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagra Falls froze completely solid (what a hill to sled down).

The best recorded distance for projectile vomiting is 27 feet (people record this crap?).

The 40 in WD40 comes from the 40 attempts at creating this product (wow, makes you really sure of its effectiveness).

You speak about 4,800 words per day (and 90% of them are gibberish).

There are 2,382,500 (rounded) Smiths in the U.S. (so don't all of you "Smiths" feel so special?).

Every year, Mexico City sinks about 10 inches (down she goes).

Greece's anthem has 158 verses.

NOTE: All information for this section taken from http://come.to/phil
So sue them, not me!

HOUSING:

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one is going to want to do it," he said.

"It's going to be a service," Gipson said. "It's not going to be something where we make a lot of money by any means."

Gipson said the most difficult problem keeping the residence halls open during winter break will be finding a way to cover utility costs.

"Utility costs usually go way down during that month," she said. "They will obviously increase now, and people that have to stay will have to pay."

She said routine maintenance may also be disturbed because workers will not have unlimited access to the residence halls as they usually do.

Another problem could be finding staff assistants and resident directors willing to work on campus during their usual breaks.

Because students will be allowed to stay in their own rooms rather than group housing, a staff member will have to be present in each occupied building.

"As far as it being a burden, they will have to do what they have to do," Gipson said. "But, it is a time when they're normally off."

Carnahan said the staff may have to work out a routine where people rotate working days. He said most of the burden of duty will fall on the resident directors' shoulders.

Despite these possible dilemmas, Carnahan and Gipson said they are confident the plan will pass. If it does, it will have to be approved by Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, and College President Julio León.

"If we want to continue to encourage international students, we have to provide services for these students," Carnahan said. "We can't expect them to fend for themselves. Right now, we're very limited on what services we provide for international students."

Khan said she thinks it is a good idea resident officials are finally making an effort to house international students during breaks and holidays.

"Imagine coming from another country and not knowing the place, language and other things very well, then not having a place to live," she said. "Understand how uncomfortable that is."

WEB SITE:

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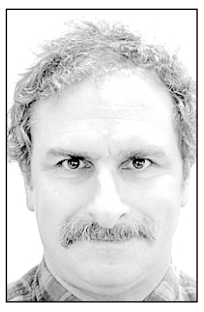
how students think instructors want to purposely find students in the act.

"There's a misconception that we like catching it," he said. "We hate catching it."

In six years, Cebula has had four plagiarism incidents.

"It was the most unpleasant work," he said.

Matthew Hug, senior secondary education and history major, turned in a 15-page paper for his Women's History class through the new plagiarism Web site.



Dr. Paul Teverow
Associate Professor of History

"I'm all for it," Hug said. "I think it's a great idea."

Hug said he's not worried about whether or not the Web site will catch any suspicious material.

"It was as honest material as I could put together," Hug said.

Cebula said he hopes in time the entire campus will use some type of plagiarism prevention program.

In the end, however, Cebula knows why the Web site should be considered to be used throughout the campus.

"I have an obligation for the students who don't cheat," he said. "It's protecting the degree."

PARTY:

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think the international exchange is invaluable, especially for our students."

The party is by invitation only and is free to those who sign up. Dinner will be served at the party along with dancing, a talent show and contests.

Southern's International Club is co-hosting the event. It will help to put up decorations and posters.

The club will also greet the people as they come in and hand out name tags. Rahila Khan, sophomore physics major and vice president of the International Club, said the party is a lot of fun. She said during the semester it's hard for everyone to meet up because things are so busy, but this party is a time to relax and enjoy the company.

"It's a place where people can come together," Khan said.

In 2001, about 400 people from 64 different countries attended.

"Usually, we can't get the students to go home," León said.

Everyone really enjoys the gathering and many exchange telephone numbers and make new friends, she said.

By going to the International Party, exchange students enrolled in high schools in the Joplin area get the chance to taste what the College is like, León said.

"So it also serves as a very valuable recruiting vehicle," she said.

DEBATE:

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keeping everyone on the team busy, and other schools have some competition from Southern.

"On the debate circuit, Missouri Southern is a big name to be feared," she said.

The topic that has been set for this year is Poverty in America.

Southern's debate team participated in the Creighton Swing Speech and Debate Tournament on Oct. 10-13 in Omaha, Neb. Jason Edgar, junior speech communications major, qualified for nationals.

At the Age of Aquarius Speech and Debate Tournament on Oct. 17-20 in Muncie, Ind., the following students from Southern received recognition: Jeremy Hollingshead, Wes Carrillo, Bullard, Caleb Gallemore and Jeff Dugdale. In varsity Lincoln-Douglas debate, Hollingshead received first and Bullard received fourth. In novice Lincoln-Douglas, Dugdale received second and Gallemore was fourth.

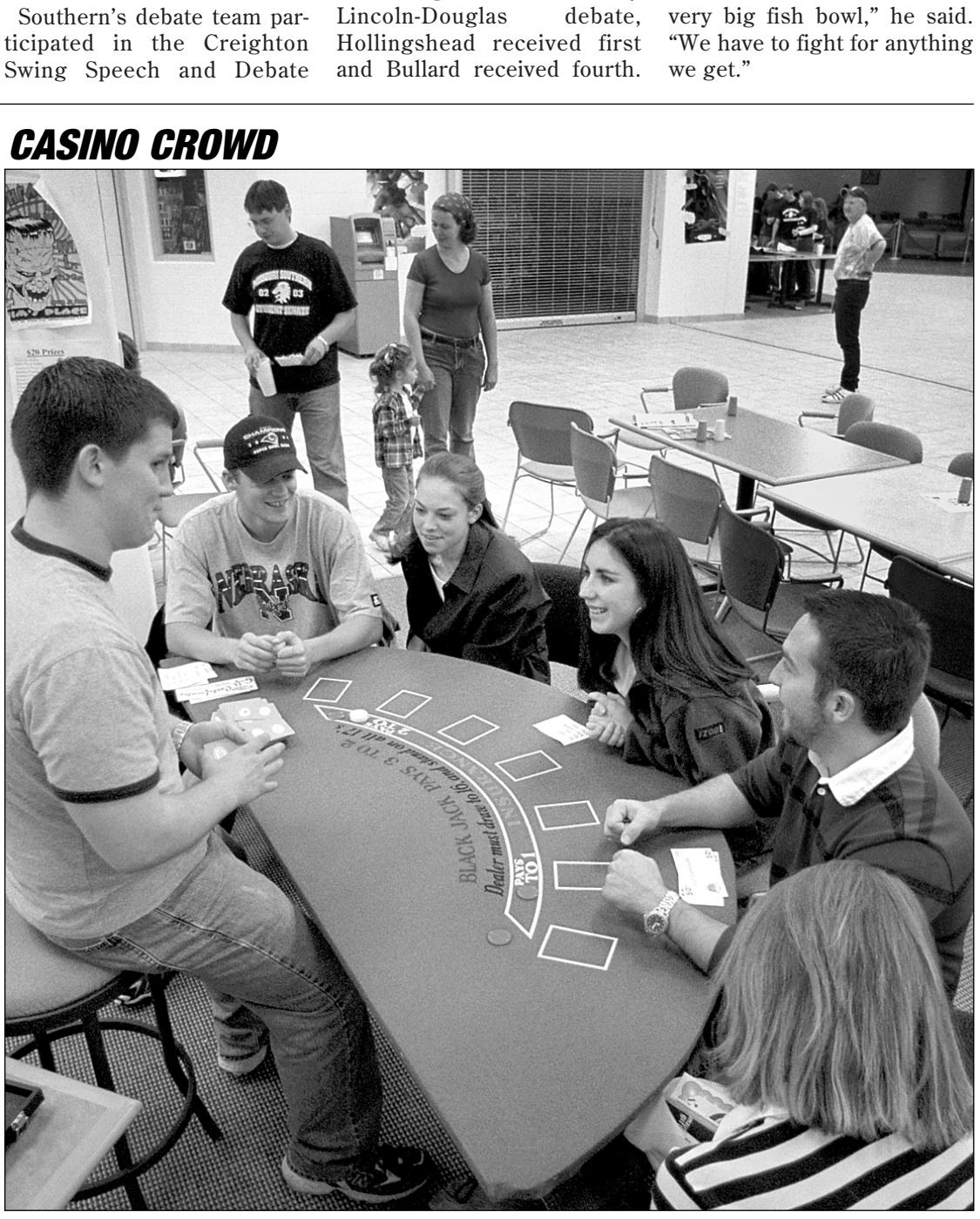
So far, five members have qualified for nationals.

"It's a really rewarding experience to work this hard at something and to have all of our work pay off, both in team trophies and individual trophies," Bullard said.

Larson is ready to look forward to nationals.

"We're a small school in a very big fish bowl," he said. "We have to fight for anything we get."

CASINO CROWD



Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Tyler White, freshman business major, deals cards to Jeremy Vacek, junior computational math major; Therese Eck, junior biology major; Raven Bartell, junior criminal justice major; Mike Burns, junior math major; and Marla Green, junior psychology major during a game of blackjack at the Student Senate-sponsored Casino Night Nov. 1. Casino Night was a Homecoming activity.

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Faculty in charge of the following study abroad opportunities will participate in the Study Abroad Fair.

Paris, France

Comm 380 (2 hours credit) / FREN 298 (1 hour credit) — International Media Seminar/Conversational French - March 14-23, 2003. Taught in English. Open to Journalism and Communications students; 2-hour course meets all semester; students must go to Paris during spring break to pass course. Students must also enroll in FREN 298 - Conversational French. (1-hour). Prerequisite: Comm 111 (Newswriting) or permission of instructor. *Mrs. Brenda Kilby, Dr. Eugene Chang, Dr. Chad Stebbins.*

History 498 (2 hours credit) — History and Splendors of Paris — March 14-23, 2003. Prerequisites: English 102; any history course at 100 level. Students may also enroll in FREN 298 - Conversational French (1 credit hour). Taught in English. Examines the development of Paris as the political and cultural center of the kingdom of France from the Early Middle Ages to the eve of the French Revolution. Includes tours of historical sites, lectures, and discussion sessions. *Dr. Paul Teverow.*

Costa Rica

BIO 101 (4 hours credit)/KINE 101 (1 hour credit) Biology and Kinesiology in Costa Rica — May 22 - June 21, 2003. Taught in English. Students spend a month in Costa Rica to satisfy these core requirements in biology and kinesiology. Includes a hike through lowland rain forests and high cloud forests, up volcanoes and along the beaches; also encompasses historical sites and museums; last summer's trip included restoring a beached Manta Ray to the ocean. No prerequisites. *Dr. Dorothy C. Bay.*

CJAD 498 (2 hours credit) - Criminal Justice in Costa Rica - A Comparative Study Tour - May 19 - May 30, 2003. Taught in English. A comparison study of the Costa Rican criminal justice system with that of the United States. Includes tours of the Costa Rican metro police and the Organismo de Investigacion Judicial (similar to the U.S. FBI) in San Jose; a guided tour of the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge, the Monteverde Cloud Forest, etc. Also includes a professional lecture on the Costa Rican court system and a visit to a Costa Rican detention center. *Mr. Richard Spencer and Mr. J.J. Spurlin.*

Spain

SPAN 204/SPAN 300/SPAN 336 (up to 6 credit hours). Salamanca, Spain in Summer 2003 – May 21 – June 21. Students will take 45 hours in Spanish per class enrolled. Accommodations will be with a Spanish host family. Includes tours of historical sites and museums. Prerequisite: Spanish 203 or equivalent level of proficiency. *Dr. Cristobal Sartori.*

Italy and Greece

Art 211 Beginning Sculpture - (3 hours of credit), Art 205 Beginning Jewelry Design - (3 hours of credit), or Art 304 Modern Art History - (3 hours of credit). March 13-23, 2003. Students will enroll in one of the above classes, which will be enriched by the trip. Students will tour Rome, Vatican City, Florence, the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Patras, the vineyards of Delphi, and Athens. *Mr. Dewayne Hughes.*

EUC 483 - Comparative Education and Cultures: Italian Treasures. (2 credit hours). May 19 - June 4, 2003. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor and admission to teacher education. This course includes visits to Italian schools, to afford students the opportunity to examine the differences and similarities in education methods with that in the United States Cultural and historical sites also included, as well as a visit to an Italian University. *Dr. Vikki Spencer and Dr. Gloria Faine.*

India

Southern-in-India - June 20 - August 2, 2003. (6 credit hours at the University of Hyderabad, transferable to Missouri Southern.) Students also take a 2-credit Orientation to Studying in India course taught by Dr. Karl Schmidt during Intersession 2003. Coursework at the University of Hyderabad is taught in English by Indian professors. Open to any major. Many unique independent study opportunities available. Includes course-related site visits to places of archaeological and historical interest. Optional tour of Delhi and Agra (home of the Taj Mahal) available before program starts. Sophomore standing, 3.0 GPA or higher to qualify for program. *Dr. Karl Schmidt and Dr. William Kumbier.*

Germany

4-week immersion program: May 22 – June 22, 2003. Ansbach, Germany. Taught by Dr. Sabine Cramer in German. Prerequisite: German 102 or equivalent level of proficiency. (3 hours of credit). *Dr. Sabine Cramer.*

Russia

RUS 306/IS 498 - (3 hours credit) — May 22-June 6, 2003. Russian Culture and Civilization. Students travel to Moscow, St. Petersburg, Luzdal and Vladin, Russia to study Russia's cultural history and contemporary life. The course is structured around daily lectures and discussions, followed by guided tours of museums, historical and artistic sites, and cultural events. No prerequisites. Taught in English. *Dr. Tatiana Karmanova.*

Other study abroad opportunities expected to be featured at the fair include:

Oxford and Cambridge programs (*Dr. Chad Stebbins*); Summer in Sweden with the Art Department (*Mr. Nicholas Kyle*); ISEP and bilateral exchange agreements (*Ms. Kim Gray*); Choir Trip to China (*Mr. Charles A. "Bud" Clark*); bilateral exchange and internship opportunities through the School of Business (*Dr. John Lewis*); and Chile exchange programs (*Mrs. Trish Udell*).

Door Prizes - Refreshments

Sponsors: Joplin Family YMCA, Shake's Frozen Custard, Babe's, Commerce Bank, Target, El Charro, Coca-Cola, Carl Richard's Bowl, Del Rio Bordertown Café, Braums (Webb City), May's Drug Warehouse, AmeriServe, Spalon Japho, KSNF, Yin Day Spa, Pro Cuts, Smart Styles, Metro Coupons, Power 107 Radio (a division of Petracom Media), May's Drug Warehouse, Yin Fitness Spa, Seattle Roast Cafe and Arvest Bank.

New complex provides extra room

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

A more luxurious way of living will hit Joplin in the next couple months.

The Plaza, located at 1715 Rex Ave., has made many additions to its apartment complex.

"No income or student restrictions will be placed on the new unit," said Mike Landers, vice president of Bell Management Company.

The additions include 120 units, business area, community building, media room and sports arena. Each unit contains lush carpet and ceramic floors, multiple telephone lines and broadband Internet access. The kitchen comes equipped with an electric glass top stove, built in microwave and dishwasher, garbage disposal and refrigerator with ice maker.

Each unit also comes equipped with central heating and air, full-size washer and dryer hookups, and a private balcony with storage area.

The units are designed to have the maximum amount of privacy, with sound barriers in the walls, ceilings and floors, not a sound will be heard. The community building is accessible 24 hours a day and seven days a week. A pool and Jacuzzi are nearby with a barbecue area next to it. The sports arena has full-size basketball, tennis and sand volleyball courts.

A business center with online computers, copiers and a fax machine with free local faxes are located in the community building.

The lounge area is furnished and has easy viewing of the pool area. A fully equipped kitchen with wet bar also is located in the community building.

A state of the art media room has widescreen projection television with DVD and VHS player. Also, surround sound and movie theater seating for up to 12 people is in this room. A fitness center is connected to the community building with free weights, treadmills, stationary bikes and stair climbers.

A laundry room with large washers and dryers is also located in the building and is for residents only.

Missouri Southern students were not excited about the location of the apartments.

"I would not want to live behind Wal-Mart," said Melissa Toalson, sophomore secondary English major. "I guess it is more about the location than anything."

The complex expects to show two units on Dec. 1 and hopes to have the units ready to move into by the second semester.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

An elevator installed on the outside of the Frisco building helps workers from the Larry Snyder Company restore the old train station and provide housing.

Building gets face lift to sustain originality

Main Street building renovated into new housing for seniors

BY KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

Main Street will soon be the home of affordable housing for many people.

Carlson Gardener, a company located in Springfield, now owns the former Frisco building on Fifth and Main streets.

The company is currently remodeling the building for families who meet the qualifications to have a place to live. The building will consist of 57 units, with one apartment housing an on-site manager.

The residents must be 55 years or older and the income must be 60 percent below the area income.

The remodeling will give historical preservation combined with low-income housing benefits.

"Our company specializes in remodeling to keep the historical value of the building," said Denise Ogan, development manager.

The outside of the building will go back to the way it looked originally. The main floor will be refurbished to look like the old train lobby.

"The main focus is on details," Ogan said. "We want to keep it as original as possible."

Area residents think it is a good idea for the affordable housing units.

"I think that this is great for Joplin, it gives people a place to live," said Debra Payne, local resident. "This is a place where people can afford the rent. It can really boost a person's self-esteem when they can afford the place they are staying at."

Ogan said Joplin was chosen because the Frisco train station was a great place to keep the historical value. Also, the community showed interest in wanting low-income housing.

Carlson Gardene is joined with Economic Security Corporation to complete this project.

The plan is for the units to be ready to lease toward the end of summer. Snyder Construction Company is undertaking the project.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WineFeast 2002 earns funding for programs

Ozarks Public Television's WineFeast 2002 is set for 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Holiday Inn in Joplin.

The event begins with "Spotlight on Reserved Wines." Tickets are $60, which includes a commemorative wineglass.

The WineFeast begins at 2 p.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. Tickets for this event are $35 or $45 at the door. Participants may sample more than 80 wines from internationally known wineries as well as food from area restaurants and caterers.

All proceeds go toward Ozarks Public Television cultural and educational programming.

Medical groups merge to host blood drive

St. John's Regional Medical Center is teaming up with the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks to hold a blood drive from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday in St. John's Mercy Conference Center.

The Community Blood Center will also offer free cholesterol screenings and St. John's will provide a free meal ticket to donors. For information, persons may call 625-2262.

Area workers compete to benefit area CMN

Managers at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Neosho will compete against the Neosho Fire Department in a basketball game to benefit the Children's Miracle Network at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Crowder College gymnasium.

Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 years and younger.

For information, persons may contact Cherie or Carrie at 417-451-5544.

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Ressel enjoys strong community support

BY NAOKO ONODA
Staff Writer

For the upcoming season, the Missouri Southern basketball team has started the preseason with new members and a new assistant coach as its weapon.

"We have good community support here in Joplin, and I like that," said Ron Ressel, new assistant coach for Missouri Southern men's basketball team. "I enjoy coaching here."

He started learning basketball when he was in fourth grade. His junior and senior years in high school, he went to state in division 2A. He graduated from Southern in 1992 with a bachelor's in secondary education.

Ressel also has the experience of head coach for a women's basketball team at Rend Lake College for seven years when he produced a record of 118-92.

Other awards and honors include being named to the first team All-State basketball in 1986 and 1987. He received Great Rivers Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1996 and Great Rivers Athletic Conference Co-Conference Champs in 1997. He is the Region 24 Women's Basketball Division 1 committee chair since 1997.

Ressel also teaches basketball and Lifetime Wellness classes at Southern for regular students. Teaching in the classroom is different for him since he is an athletic coach, but something he still enjoys.

In the basketball class, students start practicing individually passing and shooting the ball. After that, students play some games.

"He is very fun and outgoing, but he is probably more serious when he coaches for the team," said Matt Johnston, a sophomore management major in the class. "He doesn't get upset about how students play, and I like that."

"He can make students understand," said Mike Stewart, sophomore biology major. "He is also very easy to get along with. Usually, there are two types of teachers at school. One is yelling at students and forcing them to do things. The other ones are cool and get along with students well. Coach Ressel is cool and gets along with us, and he also explains good."

Plus, while students play, he calls individuals' names and gives them advice. If somebody does good defense or makes good shots, Ressel will let them know to help students learn from those experiences.

Being a basketball coach was always something Ressel wanted to do since his high school years. After he played for the College basketball team, he always wanted to stay at the college level. Robert Corn, head coach for Southern's basketball team, was also the head coach when Ressel was a player.

The team began actual practice Oct. 15. Meanwhile, members have been doing individual work, which is shooting and working out. By getting the players in shape, the team is trying to exceed the record.

Ressel is excited about the team this year.

"Even though they lost three good players last year, the team has more quickness,"he said. "All the players are getting along pretty good. They have a good balance and depth in every position. It will accomplish and achieve their games. They are doing a good job."

"Coach Ressel knows what he is doing," said Michael Aponte, a sophomore team member. "He expresses better. He is also very diligent and real good. I like him."

In the morning, people usually force themselves to go to class or work. However, it is easy for Ressel because coaching is always something he loves and wants to do.

He has flexibility at his work, not like sitting in the office the whole day.

"I think the team can go as far as we want to go this year," Ressel said. "Of course, we need some luck and talents though."

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Ressel watches the Lions basketball team as it practices. He was selected as Great Rivers Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1996, and won Great Rivers Conference Champ in 1997.

Speech pathology experience helps with special education

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Instructor Elizabeth Betebenner teaches her educational psychological testing in special education class how to prepare tests for its students. She returned to the Joplin area to be closer to family.

BY CHAD HUNTER
Chart Reporter

While Elizabeth Betebenner, instructor, was growing up in Oklahoma City, she decided she wanted to become a speech pathologist. That decision eventually led her to teach at Missouri Southern.

She graduated form St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., with degrees in psychology and speech science. She then received her Master of Science in speech language/pathology from Phillips University in Enid, Okla.

"My training as a speech pathologist led to helping more special education children," she said.

Betebenner teaches several of the special education classes in the teacher education department as a full-time faculty member.

"I find that speech pathology lends itself to teaching by showing how to deal with special education children," she said.

She is also an adviser for students declaring special education as a major.

Before coming to the College full time, Betebenner worked here as an adjunct professor. She has also worked for the Joplin R-8 school district, Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare among others.

"I feel moving around led to more varied experiences," Betebenner said.

Through these experiences, she believes she has gained some insight to give to her students.

"Speech pathology is more one-on-one; special education is much the same in that you look at the individual needs of the student," she said.

Betebenner came to Joplin with her husband Curt, director of the Southern Foundation.

"My husband is from here and wanted to be by his family," Betebenner said.

She teaches both day and night classes.

"I'm more comfortable teaching a night class," Betebenner said. "I can cover a topic in its entirety. The difficulty is keeping it interesting.

"I enjoy interacting with the students and impacting more teacher candidates about a young child's skills and needs."

When she's not teaching, Betebenner enjoys snow skiing, cooking and gardening. She is also interested in training assistance dogs for the handicapped. She went to a conference for Animal Assistance Therapy, and her love of dogs joined hand-in-hand to give her the interest in the training.

For now, Betebenner enjoys teaching, but if this profession wasn't possible, she would enjoy owning a plant nursery.

Theater bug bites Jaros during high school

BY ANDREW MCGOWAN
Chart Reporter

Inside an office that used to be two closets, Anne Jaros, associate professor of theatre, has been designing costumes or directing student designers for the past 14 years.

Growing up in Chicago, Jaros always wanted to be a nurse, but was bitten by the theater bug in high school when she was asked to sew costumes for a play.

"I got to come in on the top because I was the only one who knew how to sew," she said.

She has certainly stayed on top, having designed or overseen costume design for more then 110 plays, including *Carousel*, *Camelot*, *Antigone* and *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, just to name a few.

Jaros continued to struggle with theater versus nursing through high school and college. After years of trying to decide between the two, she chose the theater.

"If I could play for a living, why should I work?" Jaros said.

Jaros continued her education but with a new emphasis. In 1976, she received her bachelor's of fine arts in theater design and technology from the University of Illinois, and in 1982 she received her master's of fine arts in theater design from Northwestern University.

Jaros joined the staff at Missouri Southern in 1989 after teaching at State University of New York, college at Geneseo and Northwestern University.

She teaches more than 15 different sections of theater including four of Theatre Appreciation.

"I really like teaching," she said.

Her students reveal that love as well.

"She is fun and exciting to have in class, she makes everything exciting and interesting to learn," said Philip Cross, junior mass communications major.

Jaros has found her niche at Southern. She enjoys the ability to work with undergraduate students, whereas at a larger university none of the undergraduates get to do the designing or directing — only the post-graduates.

In 1991, Jaros took a trip to Russia and Czechoslovakia to study Russian influence on theater.

The origins of modern theater, acting and directing are in Russia. In particular, Jaros found the designers from the beginning of the century fascinating.

"It's like visiting the homeland for theater people," Jaros said.

Currently, Jaros is concentrating a large amount of her time on *Rhakshasah's Ring* a play to appear on the stage at Southern. The play has 40 characters but only 18 actors.

Jaros picked out the fabric for the costumes while on a visit to Chicago this summer.

This is due to the limited supply of textiles in the Joplin area.

Jaros designs all her costumes by hand.

"People are starting to jump off the [computer] bandwagon and rediscovering the art of costume design," Jaros said.

She is also learning new things and facing new challenges in her personal life. In May, Jaros adopted an 8-year-old girl. There has been some difficulty in reorganizing her life around her new family, but it has all been worth it.

In her 14 years of teaching, Jaros is starting to see some fruits of her labor. She is quick to point out the formula for making it in the real world.

"Students who make it aren't the smartest and they aren't the most talented," Jaros said. "The students who make it are determined."

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Anne Jaros, associate professor of theatre, cuts material for the upcoming play, Rakshasa's Ring.

Women's X-country places third

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The women's cross country team finished third in the MIAA Oct. 26, at Missouri Southern.

The team earned 74 points, trailing Pittsburg State by 17 points and Central Missouri State University by nine points.

The overall average time was 22:58, with Jen Noelken leading the Lady Lions with a time of 22:24 and finishing fourth, giving her All-Conference honors. Ashley Caffey also received All-Conference honors with a time of 22:44, placing 10th in the MIAA.

Other significant finishes include Erin Click, 23:09; Michelle Brenner, 23:15; Rachel Patterson, 23:17; Johanna Kanala, 23:18; Emily Cassin, 23:41; and Jessica Deatrick, 25:05.

The team improved its pack time to 53 seconds, reaching its goal of having a one-minute or less time between its No. 1 runner and No. 5 runners. The No. 6 runners were also crucial to the outcome.

"This was our best team effort of the season," said Patty Vavra, head coach.

"What made a huge difference was how our No. 3 through 6 runners really pushed each other to the finish."

The home advantage proved to be a major factor for the team's success.

Knowing the course with its turns and corners along with the fan support helped the team to pull things together.

"We knew the course extremely well, and we knew where we needed to kick it in," Noelken said.

Competing in the MIAA Conference Championship helped the team have an idea of how well it can do in the regional meet. The Lady Lions were able to beat a conference rival, Truman State University, which they have been unable to do at previous meets this season. The women's team also trailed the No. 2 regionally ranked CMSU, giving the team an opportunity to possibly advance to the national meet in Ohio.

The team plans on training hard for the next few days in hopes of performing well at the South Central Regional Meet on Saturday in Warrensburg. Although the team is unsure of how far it will advance, two or three runners possibly may travel to Ohio for the National Meet.

"Cross country is a team concept with individual rewards," Vavra said.

"It's not impossible for us to advance, but we may have one or two go to nationals."

Lions look to promising future

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

After a season full of close losses, the Lions will conclude their season on Friday.

Southern will take on Truman State University as part of a doubleheader with the women's teams of Southern and Truman. The men's game will take place at 7 p.m. at Bodon Field.

"I think we're one or two players away from being a contender," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach. "We've got a lot of those intangibles there."

In its game versus Rockhurst University Oct. 30, the Lions fell to RU 3-0. Southern was out shot 15-9 by a Rockhurst squad that was ranked 14th in the nation and first in their region.

"The high points of this year have been us staying in every game," VanDeusen said. "We feel we're very close to being a strong contender."

Southern matched up against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Nov. 2. After a scoreless first half, UMSL struck first at 59:13 in the second half. Sophomore forward Seamus O'Donnell scored at 82:10 in the second half to tie the game at one apiece. UMSL then scored again at 84:03 as the Lions lost 2-1 despite out shooting UMSL 19-15. Junior goalkeeper Cesar Vazquez had six saves.

After the loss to Missouri-St. Louis, Southern faced NCAA Division I school Drury University. Sophomore midfielder Lucas Silva scored two goals, and O'Donnell added three assists, but they were not enough to overcome Drury, as Drury defeated the Lions 6-3.

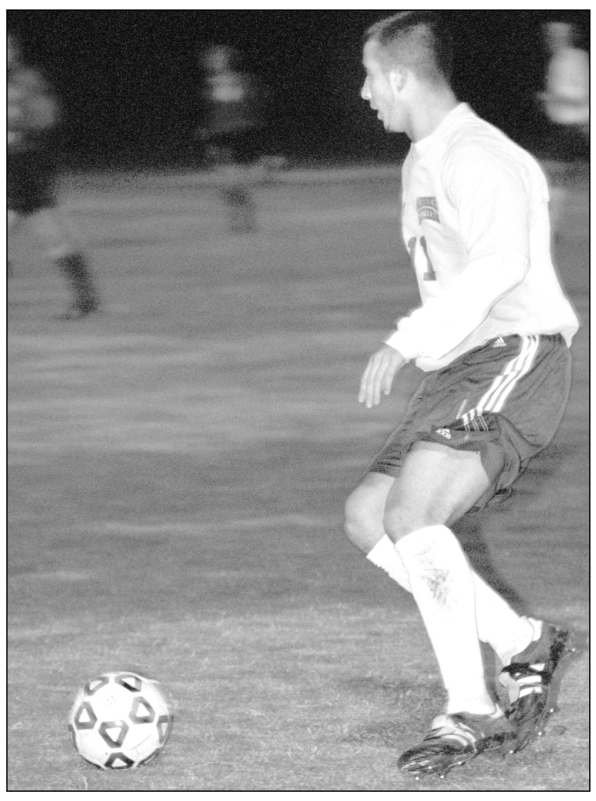
"We've been playing pretty well," said Patrick Hill, freshman midfielder, "but against Drury we gave up early goals, and our defense wasn't set."

Hill said the Lions need to work on "switching the ball and putting the ball in the net."

"We've been creating some great opportunities to score, but for some reason we've been snake bit," VanDeusen said. "We've hit everything but the back of the net."

VanDeusen said Southern is similar to where Rockhurst was at last year.

"Rockhurst lost a lot of close games last year like we have this year," he said. "Now they are number one in the region, so I think the guys are pretty excited about next year."



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Freshman midfielder/forward Nick Golden receives a pass in the Lions' Oct. 30 loss to Rockhurst, 3-0.

Rematch brings hope of redemption after heartbreaker

BY ERIC SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

With an 11-4-2 record on the season, the Lady Lions will close out their season with a rematch with the Truman State University Bulldogs.

In its first game against Truman State on Oct. 26, the Lady Lions lost 2-1.

"Against Truman, it was a heartbreaker of a loss," said Geoff VanDeusen, head coach. "I think we can beat them this time. We're excited to face them again."

After its loss to Truman, the Lady Lions lost to Central Missouri State 1-0.

"I don't think anything necessarily went wrong in our losses," VanDeusen said. "they were just good opponents and good games. We played well enough to win."

Southern came back by defeating Emporia State 5-2 Nov. 1. The game started by an ESU goal at 2:45 in the first half.

The Lady Lions came back with two consecutive goals by sophomore midfielder Ashley Munnelly at 22:29 and 25:18 in the first half. Emporia tied the game at 59:29 in the second half, but the Lady Lions scored three unanswered goals at 64:58, 69:12, and 75:06 in the second half to close out the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Shannon Brosnahan had eight saves. Munnelly scored three goals for the hat trick which gave her 19 goals on the season. It set a Missouri Southern and MIAA record for most goals in a season. Her 43 goals for the season also set school and conference records.

"The loss to CMSU really broke our back," VanDeusen said, "but to come back like we did against Emporia said a lot about the team."

Southern's game against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats started off with a Southern goal by sophomore forward/midfielder Kaysie Griffin at 16:10 in the first half. SBU would even up the score at 63:31 in the second half. After two scoreless overtimes, the ended in a 1-1 tie. Brosnahan had nine saves in the game.

"We should have picked up the intensity in the second half against SBU," said Jenni Johnson, freshman midfielder.

VanDeusen said the team defended well in the game, but they got "unlucky at times."

The Lady Lions will play Truman at Bodon Field on Friday. It will take place at 5 p.m.

"Lately we've played a lot better," Johnson said. "I think we're very excited to play Truman."

Unforced errors lead to team's demise

BY KRISTEN SMITH
Staff Writer

A much anticipated rematch against Emporia State University led to a disappointing outcome for the Lady Lions Oct. 26.

Defeated by Emporia earlier this season, the Lady Lions fell 3-1 in a four game match. Recovering from an illness the previous week, senior Amy Little was back in the game and once again held the game highs.

Little said Emporia did not have a good turnout at their match, and even the referees didn't show up until the second game.

"We definitely did not communicate very well on the floor," Little said. "We allowed them to go on a four or five point running score. After that it was hard to get back."

A victory against Truman State Nov.1 was a great start to homecoming weekend for the Lady Lions.

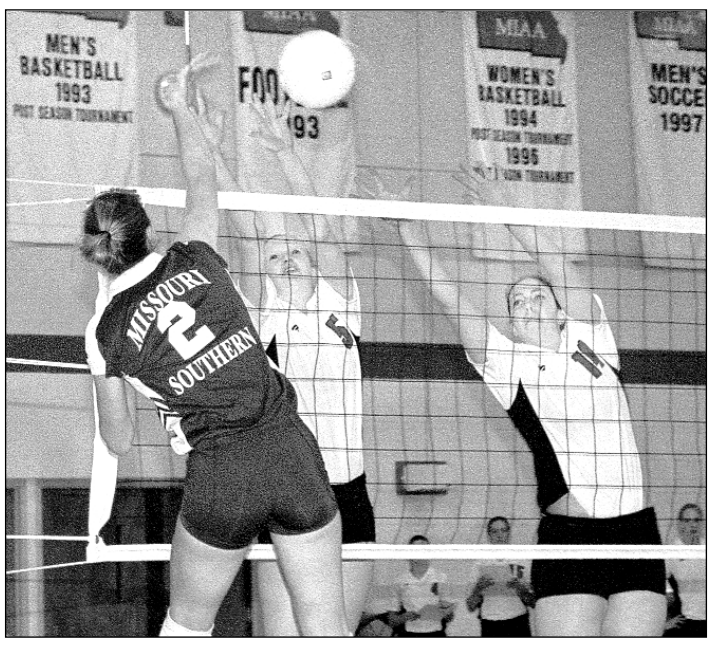
"It was nice and really exciting," said Kym Mutert.

Losing to Truman Sept. 13 led the women to fight harder when given a second chance. Truman was ranked 15th in the nation and first in the conference until the Lady Lions victory that bumped Truman out of the No. 1 position.

"Everyone really laid it out on the court and put out effort all weekend," Little said.

Southern won 3-2 with Little holding 24 kills and 26 defensive digs. The Lady Lions are only the second team in the conference that has beaten Truman.

"They walked in overlooking us," Little said. "Truman had a lot of unforced errors."



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Sophomore middle hitter Sara Jaynes attempts to spike the ball in the Lady Lions' game versus Central Missouri State.

Another rematch for the Lady Lions against CMSU proved to be unsuccessful. Defeated by the Jennies Oct. 19, the women lost again 3-1 Nov. 2. The Lady Lions stayed close during the matches with scores of 30-26, 30-26, 30-22, 30-26.

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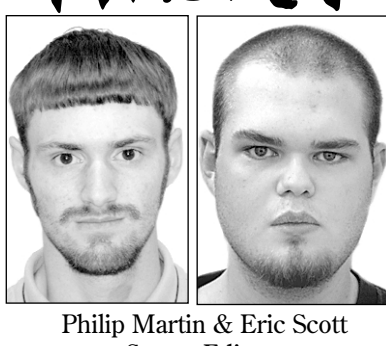

Philip Martin & Eric Scott
Sports Editors

Two Students overlook top teams

Out of all the fall sports teams on campus, which is the one most people care about — a: Cross Country; b: Football; c: Soccer; or d: Volleyball?

If you didn't guess letter "a" then you should start caring. The men's cross country team has won MIAA championships three years in a row. That is impressive for any team out there on the collegiate level.

Not only that, but Tom Rutledge was just named MIAA cross country coach of the year. Here is a team that needs respect from all members of the student body. The football team is 4-5. That's not the greatest record, but more people go to the football game instead of going to support the cross country team.

Cross country may not be the most glorious sport of all time, but it still deserves our support. The team wins the MIAA championship for three consecutive years, and yet there is no hype. C'mon ladies and germs! Why not go to see a perennial winner instead of sitting at home and thinking about what to do? The fact of the matter is there is nothing to do in Joplin. Therefore, it might be a good idea to go and support a winning team.

Wake up people! One of the best teams we have on campus is cross country, and yet the hype and fan support is virtually non-existent. Let's go team — yeah, I'm a cheerleader now.

But at least we care bloody hell, damnit.

Of all the talk around campus, the only team we hear about is football. What about the soccer teams and volleyball?

The women's soccer team has an outstanding chance at winning the championship. Let's support them as well as the cross country team. The women's soccer team is 11-4-1 — a couple more wins and it could go-all-the-way.

Let's talk about the players for a second.

Bryan Lyons, who I will now give the nickname of "The Runner o' Destiny." Why do I give him this nickname? Simple — because he led the men's team into a third straight conference championship and it just so happens his last name is the same as the school mascot. Dude, think about it. Lyons; Lions. Coincidence, I think not.

Now to go to women's soccer player of the year: Ashley Munnelly (not officially, but we say so, and that's good enough). She has 19 goals for the season, which is a Southern and MIAA record.

If that is not worthy of a sweet sassy molassey, then I don't know what is.

Since Lyons received a nickname, I shall dub Munnelly "The Southern Sniper."

These two players have set the bar of what excellence in sports should be.

For all of you aspiring sports stars out there, look at these two players and be in awe. They are two of the greatest athletes on campus.

The teams we have on campus, all of them have outstanding players, and although we only showcased two athletes in this column, it doesn't mean we don't care about the rest of you.

So, for those of you who did not know there are other sports that don't involve pigskin, now you know. And if you don't know, you can't blame us.

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SOUTHERN SCORES

Cross Country

Oct. 25
Home

1. MSSC	45
2. Truman	47
3. CMSU	77
4. Emporia	109
5. PSU	116

Women's Cross Country

Oct. 25
Home

1. PSU	57
2. CMSU	65
3. MSSC	74
4. Truman	86
5. SBU	104

Football

Nov. 2
Home

	1	2	3	4	Tot
MSSC	7	0	0	0	7
MWSU	0	14	7	7	28

First Quarter
MSSC—Chapman 5 run (Minard kick), 3:01.

Second Quarter
MWSU—Ziesel 5 pass from Cooper (Broadie kick), 14:48.
MWSU—Smith 21 interception return (Broadie kick), 4:35.

Third Quarter
MWSU—Ziesel 37 pass from Cooper (Broadie kick), 0:08.

Fourth Quarter
MWSU—Pitts 4 run (Broadie kick), 0:39.

Volleyball

Nov. 2

MSSC	26 30 22 26
CMSU	30 26 30 30

Women's Soccer

Nov. 1 — At Emporia

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	2	3–	5
ESU	1	1–	2

Shots: 1, ESU, Madison, 2:45. 2, MSSC, Munnelly, 22:29. 3, MSSC, Munnelly, 25:18. 4, ESU, Laird, 59:29. 5, MSSC, Griffin, 64:58. 6, MSSC, OWN GOAL, 69:12. 7, MSSC, Munnelly, 75:06.

Nov. 5
Home

	1	2	Ot	O2	Tot
MSSC	1	0	0	0–	1
SBU	0	1	0	0–	1

Shots: 1, MSSC, Griffin, 16:10. 2, SBU, Wade, 63:31.

Soccer

Nov. 2 — Home

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	0	1–	1
UMSL	0	2–	2

Shots: 1, UMSL, Reiter, 59:13. 2, MSSC, O'Donnell, 82:10. 3, UMSL, 84:03.

Nov. 4 — Home

	1	2	Tot
MSSC	3	0–	3
Drury	6	0–	6

Shots: 1, Drury, Sebus, 1:17. 2, Drury, Crossan, 2:57. 3, Drury, Pedroli, 5:40. 4, MSSC, Silva, 22:50. 5, MSSC, Silva, 24:43. 6, Drury, Myers, 29:08. 7, MSSC, Brokate, 31:16. 8, Drury, Pedroli, 40:07. 9, Drury, Pedroli, 41:30.

Lions receive answers from wind

T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Josh Chapman, senior quarterback, fades back for a pass during the Nov. 2 Homecoming game against Missouri Western.

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

How many more passes must Josh Chapman throw, how many more rushes must he run? The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind.

With only 86 more rushing yards left, Chapman, senior quarterback, can become the only quarterback in NCAA Division II history to pass for 5,000 yards and rush for 3,000 yards in a career.

Chapman also only needs 182 yards for Missouri Southern's all time total offense for a single season.

This will pass the previous record holder, Matt Cook, who had 2,768 yards in 1991.

With an upcoming game against Emporia State University, Chapman has the capability of picking up those yards and breaking more school records. Chapman said that over the past 1,422 plays, or any of the plays this season, he can't think of one that stands out in his mind.

He said after he graduates in May, he hopes he gets picked up by the NFL or at least get to play some more football. He said he doesn't care what position he plays as long as he gets to play again.

Bill Cooke, head football coach, said the Houston Texans and the Cleveland Browns have come down and strength tested Chapman.

Cooke said many of the professional football teams like quarterbacks who can scramble as well as throw. Andy Schneider, offensive line coach, said the job of the offensive line is to protect Chapman.

"When Josh is done in Rolla, it's time to take care of someone else," Schneider said.

He said all nine players on the offensive line will return next year to play.

After losing to Central Missouri, 42-28, and at Homecoming to Missouri Western, 28-7, the Lions are "on a mission," Cooke said. He said one of the ways the team can beat Emporia State is by forcing the opponent to throw. He said when the Hornets lost both times this season "they were forced to throw, and that's not their forte."

"They (Emporia) don't give up a lot of points defensively," Cooke said. "They're well coached."

This game marks the last home game of the year and the last time the BaspoGrass-S surface will be played on.

The turf was put down in 1988, and this will be the 71st game played on the turf.

The Lions are 4-3 against Emporia and 7-0 against both Southwest Baptist and Missouri-Rolla on this particular turf. Southern hopes to have a new artificial surface in place for 2003. Cooke said he hopes a win this Saturday will show people Southern needs the turf and will help generate donations.

"When Josh is done in Rolla, it's time to take care of someone else."

Andy Schneider
Offensive Line Coach

Lyons runs for Lion pride, trains out of season

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Ever awakened at 6:15 in the morning to run five or six miles to stay in shape?

Men's cross country runner, Brian Lyons, performs this daily routine, no matter what type of weather conditions. His coach, Tom Rutledge, gave the team a choice for the past two weeks to run in the mornings, and Lyons chooses to do so.

He trains hard every day to be the best — whether practicing with his team, on his own outside of practice, or in the off-season — and he has proven to be the best in the MIAA Conference.

Lyons accomplished what few runners can actually do — to be named the 2002 MIAA Conference Champion.

His teammates and his coach are not surprised.

"Brian has had a phenomenal year and has a shot at being an All-American," Rutledge said.

Lyons' accomplishments are great, but he also has a fan club supporting him through his cross country career — his family. His father attends every meet when possible, along with Lyons' three younger brothers and one sister. His father, a former high school cross country runner, encourages Lyons to do his best.

Since Lyons' high school years, his father reminded him a true runner needs to train outside of the regular season; he or she must also focus on the off-season as well.

Lyons finished as the conference champion and third in state for his high school career in Purdy. Rutledge recruited him to come to Missouri Southern. Lyons could have attended a smaller college and received a scholarship, but he wanted to walk-on to a better program.

"I wanted to be on a more advanced team with a bigger school," Lyons said.

After coming to Southern, Lyons was not sure what he wanted to major in, but has decided upon environmental health. Having a 3.2 grade-point average and being an athlete is not easy, but Lyons stays on task.

"I think its important to have cross country and school, because it helps keep me focused," he said.

He is currently unsure of what job he wants to have, but hopes to become a public health officer or work in an environmental engineering company. With his degree, he has many different options. He still has three full semesters to complete at Southern, and plans on taking a trip to New Zealand in the fall of 2003.

Due to a stress fracture in the spring of 2001, he has a spring season of outdoor track remaining. Although he could not run for three months, he decided to come back even stronger and try to improve.

Rutledge: Team deserves conference championship

BY TRACY HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The men's cross country team finished first Oct. 26 at the MIAA cross country championship at Missouri Southern.

The team added its third consecutive plaque to the wall, not to mention the others already hanging. Upholding the conference title for three years may seem difficult to do, but Tom Rutledge, head coach, is not surprised with the team's finish.

"I am very proud of them," he said.

"They have worked hard and deserve the conference title."

The team earned 45 points, beating Truman State by a mere two points.

The overall average time was 25:19 for its 8-kilometer race. Bryan Lyons led the pack with a first place finish time of 24:38, making him the 2002 MIAA All-Conference champion.

Two other runners from Southern, Petri Kykyri and Magnus Holmstrom, received All-Conference honors, with Kykyri finishing with a fourth place time of 24:58 and Holmstrom finishing ninth with a time of 25:26.

Other significant finishers include Paul Koehler, 25:47; Craig Rhoads, 25:44; Michael Sutter, 26:26; Lucas Plocher, 27:09; Larry Boswell, 27:19; Thomas Quade, 27:58; and Michael Dorsey, 28:04.

The team faced some opposition by losing its No. 4 runner during the race.

Boswell struggled with an injury, setting him and the rest of the team back further than normal. The team had enough depth to recover quickly and finish a strong race.

"It's nice to know that when you lose the No. 4 man, you have other runners to pick up the slack," Rutledge said.

Runners Paul Koehler and Craig Rhoads closed the gap for the Lions, causing Truman State to trail the Lions.

Although Truman was close, it was not close enough to the men's team.

"It was a team effort," said Lucas Plocher, freshman biology major.

"We had two people step up, Paul and Craig, to help us win the conference."

The team had two weeks to prepare for the meet, helping it to do well.

The team is focusing on the regional meet to be held Nov. 9 at CMSU.

The Lions will send their top seven runners to the meet, hoping to place in the top four, and advancing them to the national cross country finals Nov. 23 in Ohio.

Special to The Chart

The Missouri Southern's men's cross country team took home a third straight conference championship Oct. 25. The Lions will send their top seven runners to the Nov. 9 meet, hoping to place in the top four, and advancing them to the national cross country finals on Nov. 23 in Ohio.

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